

1281

Year **1281** (**MCCLXXXI**) was a common year starting on Wednesday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

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Events

By place

Asia

- August 15 – Battle of Kōan (Hakata Bay): The second Mongol invasion of Japan is foiled, as a large typhoon – famously called a *kamikaze*, or divine wind – destroys much of the combined Chinese and Korean fleet and forces, numbering over 140,000 men and 4,000 ships.
- Kublai Khan orders the burning of sacred Taoist texts, resulting in the reduction in number of volumes of the *Daozang* (Taoist Canon) from 4,565 to 1,120.
- The Mon Kingdom of Hariphunchai falls, as its capital Lamphun (in present-day Thailand) is captured by King Mangrai's Lannathai Kingdom.

Middle East

- October 29 – Second Battle of Homs: Mamluk sultan Qalawun defeats an invasion of Syria, by Mongol Ilkhan

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	12th century · 13th century · 14th century
Decades:	1260s · 1270s · 1280s · 1290s · 1300s
Years:	1278 · 1279 · 1280 · 1281 · 1282 · 1283 · 1284

1281 in various calendars	
Gregorian calendar	1281 <i>MCCLXXXI</i>
Ab urbe condita	2034
Armenian calendar	730 ԹՎ ՉԼ
Assyrian calendar	6031
Balinese saka calendar	1202–1203
Bengali calendar	688
Berber calendar	2231
English Regnal year	9 Edw. 1 – 10 Edw. 1
Buddhist calendar	1825
Burmese calendar	643
Byzantine calendar	6789–6790
Chinese calendar	庚辰年 (Metal Dragon) 3977 or 3917 — <i>to</i> — 辛巳年 (Metal Snake) 3978 or 3918
Coptic calendar	997–998

Abaqa Khan.

- Osman I, founder of the Ottoman Empire, becomes *bey* of the Söğüt tribe in central Anatolia; in 1299 he will declare independence from the Seljuk Turks, marking the birth of the Ottoman Empire.
- An offensive by the Byzantine Empire significantly reduces the size of the Kingdom of Albania, as it recaptures land seized from the Despotate of Epirus by Charles I of Sicily 10 years earlier.

Europe

- Pope Martin IV authorizes a Crusade against the newly re-established Byzantine Empire in Constantinople; French and Venetian expeditions set out toward Constantinople, but are forced to turn back in the following year.
- July – Niccolò Bonsignori heads a hundred of Ghibelline exiles, in a failed attempt to topple the Sienese government.

By topic

Markets

- Guy of Dampierre, count of Flanders, licenses the first Lombard merchants to open a changing business in his realm.^[1]

Religion

- Pope Martin IV succeeds Pope Nicholas III, as the 189th pope.

Births

- December 25 – Alice de Lacy, 4th Countess of Lincoln (d. 1348)
- Castruccio Castracani, duke of Lucca (d. 1328)
- Yuri III Danilovich, Grand Prince of Russia (d. 1325)
- Agnes of Austria, queen consort of Hungary (d. 1364)
- Henry, 3rd Earl of Lancaster (d. 1345)
- Hamdallah Mustawfi, Ilkhanid Iranian historian (d. 1349)
- Rudolf I of Bohemia (d. 1307)

Deaths

- February 16 – Gertrude of Hohenberg, queen consort of Germany (b. c.1225)

Discordian calendar	2447
Ethiopian calendar	1273–1274
Hebrew calendar	5041–5042
Hindu calendars	
- <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	1337–1338
- <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	1202–1203
- <i>Kali Yuga</i>	4381–4382
Holocene calendar	11281
Igbo calendar	281–282
Iranian calendar	659–660
Islamic calendar	679–680
Japanese calendar	Kōan 4 (弘安 4 年)
Javanese calendar	1191–1192
Julian calendar	1281 <i>MCCLXXXI</i>
Korean calendar	3614
Minguo calendar	631 before ROC 民前631年
Nanakshahi calendar	−187
Thai solar calendar	1823–1824
Tibetan calendar	阳金龙年 (male Iron-Dragon) 1407 or 1026 or 254 — to — 阴金蛇年 (female Iron-Snake) 1408 or 1027 or 255

- September 10 – John II, Margrave of Brandenburg-Stendal (b. 1237)
- October 8 – Princess Constance of Greater Poland (b. c.1245)
- December 24 – Henry V, Count of Luxembourg (b. 1216)
- *date unknown* – Ertuğrul, Turkish father of Osman I (b. 1198)

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